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AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 15 as follows:

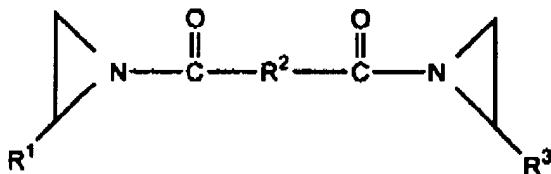
1. (Three Times Amended) An adhesive article comprising:

- (1) a backing; and
- (2) a pressure sensitive adhesive composition on said backing,

said composition comprising the reaction product of:

(A) a copolymer comprising the reaction product of (a) a (meth)acrylate ester of a non-tertiary alcohol in which the alkyl group contains between 1 and 8 carbon atoms, inclusive, and whose homopolymer has a glass transition temperature no greater than about 0°C; and (b) a carboxylic acid-functional, ethylenically unsaturated co-monomer; and

(B) a bis-amide crosslinking agent having the formula:



where R^1 and R^3 independently, are selected from the group consisting of H and $\text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n+1}$ where n is an integer ranging from 1 to 5, and R^2 is a divalent radical selected from the group consisting of benzeno ($-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-$), substituted benzeno, triazine, C_mH_{2m} where m is an integer ranging from 1 to 10, and combinations thereof,

the relative amounts of said co-monomer and said crosslinking agent being selected such that (i) the ratio of the number of equivalents of amide groups to the number of equivalents of carboxylic acid groups is at least about 0.5,

wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive composition comprises no greater than 10% by weight of a tackifier and no greater than 2% by weight of a plasticizer.

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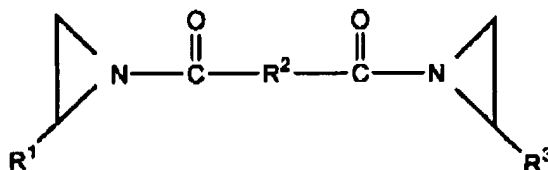
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C2 8. (Amended) An adhesive article according to claim 1 wherein said (meth)acrylate ester is selected from the group consisting of butyl acrylate, 2-methylbutyl acrylate, 2-ethyl hexyl acrylate, isooctyl acrylate, 4-methyl-2-pentyl acrylate, isoamyl acrylate, sec-butyl acrylate, and combinations thereof.

15. (Three Times Amended) A pressure sensitive adhesive composition comprising the reaction product of:

(A) a copolymer comprising the reaction product of (a) a (meth)acrylate ester of a non-tertiary alcohol in which the alkyl group contains between 1 and 8 carbon atoms, inclusive, and whose homopolymer has a glass transition temperature no greater than about 0°C; and (b) a carboxylic acid-functional, ethylenically unsaturated co-monomer; and

(B) a bis-amide crosslinking agent having the formula:



where R¹ and R³ independently, are selected from the group consisting of H and C_nH_{2n+1} where n is an integer ranging from 1 to 5, and R² is a divalent radical selected from the group consisting of benzeno (-C₆H₄-), substituted benzeno, triazine, C_mH_{2m} where m is an integer ranging from 1 to 10, and combinations thereof,

the relative amounts of said co-monomer and said crosslinking agent being selected such that (i) the ratio of the number of equivalents of amide groups to the number of equivalents of carboxylic acid groups is at least about 0.5,

wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive composition comprises no greater than 10% by weight of a tackifier and no greater than 2% by weight of a plasticizer

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Please add new claims 34 and 35:

34. (new) The adhesive article of claim 1 wherein said composition, when applied to a copper-containing substrate at a thickness of 0.0008 inch and exposed to a temperature of 180°C for 30 minutes, is cleanly removable following heat exposure.

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35. (new) The adhesive article of claim 1 wherein said composition, when applied to a glass substrate at a thickness of 0.0008 inch and exposed to a temperature of 180°C for 30 minutes, is cleanly removable following heat exposure.

Please cancel claim 4.

A version marked up to show changes made to the claims relative to the previous version of the claims is attached.